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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GONZALEZ MARTEN TO STAY IN
PRESIDENTIAL RACE

REF: SAN JOSE 3676

1. IN A NATION-WIDE TV ADDRESS OCTOBER 18, PARTIDO NACIONAL INDEPENDIENTE (PNI) CANDIDATE JORGE GONZALEZ MARTEN VOWED TO REMAIN IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, IN SPITE OF RUMORS THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO QUIT. MARTEN ADMITTED THAT THE PNI WAS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, BUT THAT HE EXPECTED THE COSTA RICAN PEOPLE TO SUPPORT HIM IN HIS EFFORT TO RESCUE THE NATIONA FROM ITS PROBLEMS.

2. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT INTENSIVE LAST DITCH NOGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GONZALEZ MARTEN AND UNIFICACION NACIONAL (UN) CANDIDATE DR. FERNANDO TERJOS ESCALANTE BROKE DOWN ON OCTOBER 17, THE NIGHT BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC REGISTRATION OF ELECTION CANDIDACIES. ACCORDING TO UN
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INSIDERS, GONZALEZ MARTEN BROKE OFF THE

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE UN AFTER RECEIVING
A PHONE CALL FROM NICARAGUA'S GENERAL
SOMOZA. IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER,
IF SOMOZA DID, IF FACT, PUMP SOME MONEY
INTO THE PNI CAMPAIGN OR WHETHER HE GOT
HELP FROM OTHER SOURCES. ONE UN SOURCE,
WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS,
HAS NO DOUBT THAT SOMOZA COMMITTED TWO TO
THREE MILLION COLONES TO THE PNI. FULL
REPORT BEING POUCHED TODAY AS A-199.
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